

Tidy Towns Competition 2023

Adjudication Report

Centre: Mount Nugent - Droichead Uí Dháiligh	Ref: 2209
County: Cavan	Mark: 249
Category: A	Date(s): 12/07/2023

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2022	Mark Awarded 2023
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	29	31
Streetscape & Public Places	80	35	36
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	31	32
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	20	21
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	9	10
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	56	57
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	28	29
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	32	33
TOTAL MARK	550	240	249

Community – Your Planning and Involvement / An Pobal - Pleanáil agus Rannpháirtíocht:

Failte chuig Comortas Na mBailte Slachtmhara Super Valu don bhliain 2023. Taimid buíoch daoibh as ucht na hiontrala a chur chugainn, agus guimid gach rath ar bhur gcuid oibre amach anseo. Adh Mor. Welcome to the 2023 SuperValu competition. Thank you for your entry, map, photographs and 5- year Plan. It is great to hear you have been involved in community activity for the last 7-8 years. We note your committee of 8 supported by 30 volunteers. We commend the use of Facebook, text message, WhatsApp and the Parish newsletter to raise awareness about your activities. You have good links and support from Cavan County Local Development, Cavan County Council, O'Reilly Nurseries, Summerbank Nurseries, Clarinbridge Garden Centre and numerous local businesses. You have regular meeting with some input from Mountnugent Tidy Village Group (MTVG) and involve the local school as much as possible. Your main project this year was painting and refreshing of areas in the village that would create a good impression and will be an on-going project. This is a brilliant initiative and ongoing maintenance should occur so well done. The local community has embraced the work that is happening and the community created a spectacular Halloween display and a Winter Wonderland for Christmas and now everyone is keen to share their ideas about what is happening in the village throughout the year. Excellent work.

Streetscape & Public Places / Sráid-Dreach & Áiteanna Poiblí:

Streetscape in Mountnugent is functional and responsive to the needs of all its users, motorized and non-motorized alike. It is aesthetically pleasing with lively spaces where people can meet and interact with one another. Streetscape elements like the new vintage machinery display, ornamental upcycled bike, information panels, fairy garden and seating areas, all add richness to the buildings and landscape. Art mural makes a valuable contribution to the local identity. Planting throughout has a consistent visual character and brilliantly presented. The bridge over the river Inny is a great place to take in the views of the glistening waters and admire the newly planted flower garden. We salute your commitment to planting 1,000 autumn bulbs and include a few snaps in next year's entry. An impressive array of new projects.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

Well done on creating the riverbank garden and focusing on all year-round planting. Floral displays are used to good effect, well placed and contribute to the high visual amenity achieved for the village. Grass areas are well managed. Again, well done on bulb planting but remember while daffodils look fabulous they provide little for pollinators so next time think in terms of snowdrops and crocus for early pollinators, bluebells for woodland areas and alliums are good all rounders to include in your flowerbeds. We recommend perennial planting into the ground where possible as planters are high maintenance and take up a lot of volunteer's time. Well done on harvesting the seeds from

sunflowers grown to support the Ukrainian residents – then providing food for the village birds. We look forward to the nesting friendly hedge at the back of the vintage machinery display – it will offer great benefits for wildlife. A vote of appreciation to everyone involved with this great work.

Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality / An Dúlra agus an Bhithéagsúlacht i do cheantar:

Local conservation efforts include the establishment of protected areas on the Ross Road and at the school. This rewilding has been promoted by the setting up of nesting and bat boxes throughout the village. We note your participation in World Earth Day 2023 hosted by Mounnugent ICA and one of your members undertook training with Bat Conservation Ireland. This was complimented by a feature in the Anglo-Celt about Biodiversity in Mounnugent. Any surveys completed? Good to note all the great work done for pollinators and the brambles and comfrey left for the bees to enjoy. Can the grass clipping be composted on site instead of being taken by the mulching company. We acknowledge future projects with willow, swift boxes and log piles for mini beasts.

Sustainability – Doing more with less / Inmharthanacht - Mórán ar an mbeagán:

Setting good example with recycling is a practical way to reducing waste at source like your creations for Halloween and Christmas from materials that would otherwise have gone to landfill. Wilton Waste information talk has reinforced the importance of using bins correctly and Cathleen O'Hagan highlighted the importance of minimal packaging when out shopping. We applaud your actions for water harvesting with another water butt at the community centre and a new battery and bottle cap collection point. We can see from your report that you have a good understanding of this category. Other ideas can be found in the Tidy Towns handbook.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Organised weekly litter picks combined with help from the school children has the village spotless. It's a great community effort and we commend Cavan County Council for their hard work and dedication. Recycling & clothes banks were in good order. Roadsides were clean and weed free and we appreciate efforts to avoid pesticides and use a hoe. Great job. We hope Tus can assist you with an extra pair of hands as we know this is laboursome work. A dog litter unit would be a welcome addition.

Residential Streets & Housing Areas / Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithíochta:

Most of the houses in the village are private dwellings and many are of good maintenance. Recently painted gates, railings and walls at the church and entry doors look good. We note similar maintenance at Finlay's and Magee's. This upkeep makes a significant contribution to the aesthetics of the village. We commend the children for their artwork.

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes / Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí:

Entrances to the village are kept clean with bilingual name signs and nice summer planting schemes. Verges are well maintained. The work on exposing the dry-stone wall leading to the river bank and clearance of the site leading down to the river bank was no doubt a demanding task but has yielded a good result. The bridge has been cleaned and is a stand out feature in the locality. Upkeep is very good.

Concluding Remarks:

We enjoyed our visit very much and we look forward to the completion of projects listed in your application. Keep up the great work Mounnugent.